(c) Does not arise.

Air Services between Jodhpur Ahmedabad and Jaipur-Ahmedabad

[*English*]

747. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines propose to restart air services between Jodhpur-Ahmedabad and Jaipur-Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir,.

(b) Inadequate traffic demand on these sectors does not justify restoration of airlinks between Jodhpur and Ahmedabad and Jaipur and Ahmedabad.

Reconstruction of Station in Maharashtra

748. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:-

(a) whether there is any proposal to reconstruct railway stations in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of the stations likely to be expanded/reconstructed; and

(c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon and the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Reconstruction and expansion of station building is a continuous process and the same is done on age-cum-condition basis as per the traffic needs. Reconstruction and expansion of station buildings including those in the State of Maharashtra is accordingly taken up whenever so warranted subject to availability of funds and comparative needs of various stations. Completion of works in this regard depends upon overall availability of funds and relative priorities.

[*Translation*]

Cultural exchange programmes

749. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries with whom the Government have cultural exchange programmes so far;

(b) the names of countries with whom the Government are likely to enter into agreements in the coming years; and

(c) the items included in these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The information is given in the enclose statement.

(b) Proposals in respect of the following countries are under consideration :-

(1) Malta

(2) Mali

(3) Comoros

(4) Madagascar

(5) Chile

(6) Cambodia

(7) Republic of Kirghizstan

(8) Jamaica

(c) Cultural Agreements lay down the board principles of bilateral cultural co-operation and are implemented through Cultural Exchange Programmes (CEPs), which specify the details of exchanges. Such Cultural Exchange Programmes broadly cover the fields of art and culture, education and science, films, mass media, youth & sports, tourism, public health etc. and provide for exchange of scholars in various academic fields, exchange of art exhibitions, books and publications, exchange of radio and TV programmes, organisation of film festivals, award of scholarships, development of institutional links, sports exchanges and the like.

STATEMENT

Names of the countries with whom the Government has Cultural Exchange programmes:-

1. Afghanistan
2. Algeria
3. Argentina
4. Australia
5. Bahrain
6. Bangladesh
7. Belgium
8. Bulgaria
9. China
10. Cuba
11. Cyprus
12. Czechozlovakia
13. Egypt
14. Ethopia
15. Finland
16. Greece
17. F.R.G.
18. Ghana
19. France
20. Hungary
21. Iran
22. Iraq
23. Jordan
24. Italy
25. Kenya
26. Republic of Korea (South of Korea)
27. Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (North Korea)
28. Kuwait
29. Libya
30. Mauritius
31. Mexico
32. Mongolia
33. Maldives
34. Morocco

35. Netherlands
36. Nigeria
37. Norway
38. Pakistan
39. Peru
40. Poland
41. Portugal
42. Qatar
43. Romania
44. Rwanda
45. Senegal
46. Seychelles
47. Syria
48. Somalia
49. Sudan
50. Spain
51. Tanzania
52. Tunisia
53. Turkey
54. U.A.E.
55. U.S.S.R.
56. Uganda
57.
58. Republic of Yemen
59. Yugoslavia
60. Zambia
61. Zimbabwe
62. Colombia
63. Sri Lanka.

[*English*]

National Institute of Unani Medicine in Bangalore

750. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a National Institute of Unani Medicine at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the estimated cost and the modes of its fundings;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has allotted any land for the above institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These are not finalized.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) About 55 acres.

Superfast Train Between Bareilly and Kanpur-Lucknow

[*Translation*]

751. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: